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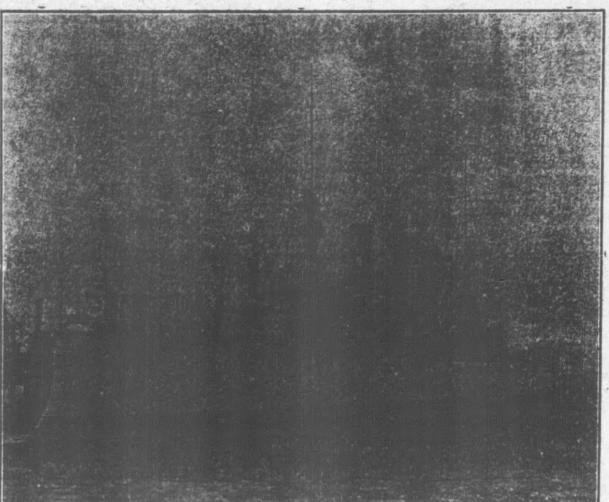
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tended to and lines accurately
defined.

Although the survey of the past year
has spent more money, distributed
more literature and treated more patients
than any other state, Pennsylvania comes
next and Massachusetts is third. The
next seven states are Illinois, Maryland,
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treated during the year was by the dis-
pensaries, where 71,582 patients were
given free treatment and advice. The
sanatoria and hospitals treated 38,758
patients, while anti-tuberculosis associa-
tions assisted 10,968.

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brown cloth has a coat reaching nearly to
the knee. The body part is bloused by
a wide girdle effect of velvet. Another
novel suit has a Russian jacket of brown
corduroy and a skirt of brown and black
plaid woolen.

For coats Economical

One of the most economical garments
that the average woman can purchase is
a good pony skin or carcasol coat. They
are very reasonable in price this season,
they always look stylish and they can be
worn for several years. Coats of dyed
muskrat are lovely too, but rather more
expensive than the first mentioned furs.

Neck pieces are all made up with ani-
mal heads and tails. Some especially
handsome sets of white fox, made in single
skin effects with head on one end and tail
on the other, rev. on view at the annual
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For trimmed Dresses

For trimmed costumes with neck pieces,
muff and hat or ruche to match are the
very height of fashion. Often the separ-
ate neckpiece is done away with and a
big collar is placed on the coat of the
costume. Cuffs of the fur are added and
sometimes also there is a band of fur edg-
ing the skirt. The muff and hat are of
the same sort of fur.

The Turban Gaffure

A great change has taken place in the
fashionable turban. The hair is now
flattened a good deal at the sides and
dressed rather low in the front. The
latest mode is the turban effect in which
the hair, usually supplemented by a long
switch, is coiled flatly around the head
leaving the crown of the head exposed.
A wide braid loosely plaited is often sub-
stituted for the coil of hair but this, to
be really modish, must be spread out con-
siderably and caught down behind and
over the big shell pins with square heads
that are now so stylish.

LUCY CARTER

Ostriches in Australia

There are now about 2000 ostriches in

Australia and, although the industry was

first established nearly 30 years ago, and

despite the fact that it did not

receive the recognition of Government

assistance it has hardly been a flourishing

one. A great many of the birds

were imported from South Africa, where

they are numerous and plentiful.

The stock is now

more promising and the latest to embark

in the business have been more successful,

profiting by the failures and the experien-

ces of those who were the pioneers.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Gloves are a necessary luxury these days. We have accepted the fact that they are indispensable to the well-dressed woman, and it behoves every one of us to give a thought to their care.

Nothing is more reprehensible than gloves that allow the outsider a peep at the fingertips—which is putting it mildly. In the matter of gloves the old proverb of a stitch in time is particularly applicable. And let that be of cotton, please. Silk cuts very easily, and does not last long enough to repay you for your industry.

Match the color of your gloves, and overcast each edge of the finger separately. Then, holding your finger in the glove, if you have no regular darning, sew the sides together, using a fine buttonhole stitch.

Black kid gloves frequently become worn or rubbed and show their age by white or gray marks. Mix black ink with a small quantity of olive oil, and touch the spots, using a small brush. The ink gives blackness and the oil supplies the luster. Suede may be treated in the same way.

Speaking of suede, your white gloves of this undressed quality can be freshened up by an oatmeal bath. The finely powdered meal which sits to the bottom of a box is the best. Dust this powder over the suede and take it off with a stiff brush.

Give veins a bath in alcohol. This dries very quickly and will keep the vein fresh and new. Pressing with a hot iron is also a germ destroyer.

To run the feet in the ash pan under the stove is considered an excellent remedy for frosty feet by those who have had them. Be careful there are no red-hot coals there, of course, but the heat should be strong enough to draw out the inflammation.

Another remedy is to freeze turnips and then push the feet in them while they are soft. It is considered a very good remedy.

If brandy is applied immediately to a bruise it will entirely prevent discoloration and alay inflammation. Brandy also rubbed frequently on to unbroken chilblains is a far more rapid cure than any chilblain "lotion." It is equally effective in curing sties on the eyelids.

A tall, narrow vase makes a good hatpin holder, if it is partially filled with ground cork, obtained at any drug store.

Do not launder stockings with other clothes because the lint from other garments will adhere to them. Use ammonia in water to wash them and they will not spot.

Soak all cooking utensils in warm water before you sit down to dinner and you will be surprised how much easier they will wash.

If by accident soap should be dropped on the carpet, cover it thickly with salt, and both may be swept up clean and dry without soiling the carpet.

It is a good plan to always save tumblers which have contained sliced beef or dried beef. They take up little space in the refrigerator and are nice to keep leftovers.

Steel carving and bread knives can be quickly cleaned if there is an old razor strop in the house. This, sprinkled with emery, makes an excellent article to brighten sharp steel. Should a strop not be obtainable, a piece of cloth tacked over a long stick and covered with powdered emery will answer the same purpose. The strop should be flat on top.

For a salad out of the ordinary, mix cream cheese with chopped olives and a boiled dressing. Serve it on hearts of lettuce.

There is nothing more difficult to remove than tea or coffee stains in colored fabrics. Hot water run through it often helps, but this cannot be done except in white materials. Try methiolated spirits. If this fails take the garment to a professional, for it is worth the price to have it look well.

The above designs are by The McCall Company, New York, Designers and Makers of McCall Patterns.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CRUSADE

Based on reports gathered from all parts of the United States, the Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis issued a bulletin to day in which it is stated that \$8,150,621.50 was expended during the year just closed by the various interests fighting consumption in the United States. The bulletin, which is preliminary to a longer report, shows that in the year 1909 over 10,000,000 pieces of literature were distributed, and that 117,312 patients were treated and assisted by the sanatoria, dispensaries and anti-tuberculosis associations.

The sender silhouette is still maintained but most artistic draperies are seen while the natural curves at the waist are beginning to appear again on the fashionable figure after being suppressed for so long.

The one piece frock reigns supreme for all elaborate occasions but with tailor gowns a good many pretty blouses of silk, chiffon cloth, net or flannel are worn.

The New Silk Waist

Silk shirt waists have not been used

very much for the last year or two but

this winter the designers have brought

out some lovely models. Silk crepes of

various kinds, chiffon cloth or dyed net

are the most employed for the purpose.

The newest waists have a pleated flounce

at the side front and usually falling to a

point a little below the bust through some

of these flounces run quite down to the waist line.

The majority of the new blouses are re-
lieved by white at the neck. The fancy

for the one-piece waist is out of date,

which is a great relief as it was fright-
fully unbecoming.

Belted Gowns

The very latest thing at present is the

Russian blouse coat and it is whispered

that when spring comes the Russian effect

will carry everything before it. The

belt being used in a most effective

way.

Cold will always hold them in check.

The cellar or other similar room in

which vegetables and fruits, either green

or cooked, are stored for winter should

have the windows open on mild days for

ventilation and for lowering the tempera-

ture of the room for chilling the store.

The cooler they are held without freezing

the better they will keep. Bacteria which

cause fermentation and decay cannot grow

and multiply in low temperature. Dry

cold will always hold them in check.

New plants of named varieties can be

started in winter from cuttings of a num-
ber of hardwood trees, shrubs and vines,

such as the grape, pear, hydrangea, privet,

rose, poplar and willow. The cuttings,

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ENFORCING AUTOMOBILE LAWS

"The Delaware Automobile Association has taken a commendable step in again asking the Police Commissioners to enforce the laws governing the use of motor cars in this State. The association asks that non-residents who come into Delaware in motor cars be required to have State licenses under penalty of arrest. There is such a law, but it is doubtful whether it is often enforced. Delawareans going into other states, into Maryland and Pennsylvania, must pay for licenses in those states. So long as the law with respect to this matter is enforced in other states against Delaware, we should similarly give them what they give us."

"For our own part, we doubt the wisdom of such laws, as we think it would be better to permit automobilists from other states to have free access into Delaware subject to the laws governing speed. Relations, however, should be reciprocal, and so long as Delawareans are required to take out Pennsylvania or Maryland licenses, residents of those states will be required to do the same here."

"One advantage of the automobile is that it promotes social intercourse. It is a good thing to have visitors come into Delaware, and we should be glad to see them."

The association also asks the commissioners to enforce the laws as to the speed of motor cars, and the Police Commissioners should have no difficulty in granting this request. But doubtless it is true, as the commissioners say, if the laws were strictly enforced, most of the users of motor cars would have to devote considerable of their time to police court duties. Riding in an automobile seems to develop a desire for speed. It goes with the ownership of a machine. Often a man in a machine thinks he is going at a fair rate of speed when he is really moving rapidly. However, the speed problem must be dealt with sooner or later. The automobile has come to stay and its use will increase. How to regulate the use of the automobile is the problem. There are careful automobilists and there are careless ones, just as there are careful men driving horses and careless drivers.

"In New York City and in other big cities the automobile problem has become a very serious problem. A new law governing chauffeurs went into effect in that State with the New Year. The new law provides a penalty of \$10 fine or six months imprisonment, or both, for any one convicted of such automobile driving as endangers life, or of running away after his car has inflicted injury. Under the old law, however, outrageous, could be imprisoned, except after a third conviction for recklessness or over-speeding. The motor-outlaws were under the old law practically given free rein to do as they pleased. One outrage after another followed in New York before it was possible to create sufficient sentiment to force the enactment of a more stringent law. Perhaps the law should be amended so that a person convicted twice of violating the regulations should be prevented from using a machine at all."

"One frightful accident in Delaware was sufficient to arouse us to the importance of the problem and now that the Automobile Association has taken action, we shall look for a more rigid enforcement of the laws and such enforcement will be pleasing to all those who employ automobiles sanely and derive much pleasure in so doing." —*Evening Journal*.

NEW BUILDING FOR HOPE FARM

Preliminary plans for the administration building at the Anti-Tuberculosis Society's sanatorium at Brandywine Springs have been drawn by John D. Thompson, Jr. The required amount of money for the building has not yet been obtained, but it is probable that the building will be started at once, as more room is needed. The left wing is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John J. Black. It is hoped to have enough money for this wing within the next six months. The building will be constructed of frame and plaster, and will be of Colonial design. The main building will be 62 feet front and 40 feet deep, two and one-half stories in height. On each side will be one-story wings, 46 feet long and 21 feet deep. The extreme length of the building will be 154 feet.

RAILWAY MEN SEE TAFT

WASHERS, January 3d.—The transportation interests of the country presented their views on interstate commerce law amendments, at the White House today.

Six big railroad presidents, representing country-wide interests, discussed with the President his proposition for drastic railroad control planned to be set forth in his special message which will probably go to Congress this week. The conference upset the White House routine, as it began at 9 o'clock and at 11 was still in session.

President Lovett, of the Harriman lines, Baer of the Reading, Finley of the Southern, McCrea of the Pennsylvania, Brown of the New York Central and Mellon of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, were the railroad men in attendance.

It was settled early in the conference that the President's interstate commerce measure will probably not go to Congress on Wednesday as had been expected.

The conference concluded at 11:30, and the railroad men left the White House hurriedly. President Brown, of the New York Central, said:

"We came to make some objections and we were listened to. Beyond that I can discuss the matter."

Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman lines, said the discussion would probably be explained in a statement from the White House later.

It was generally believed about the White House, that the conference was the result of the visit of J. Pierpont Morgan, who made a hurried call at the White House last Friday.

During their visit, the railroad presidents looked over the draft of the proposed interstate commerce law amendment, as framed by Attorney General Wickesham. The attorney general was called in to explain the measure, but left before the conference was over.

When the railroad magnates left they did not appear to be in a very agreeable frame of mind, and the belief is that their discussion met with failure.

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A CORNER IN BROOM CORN

An item giving the rounds of the paper that two firms in Evansville, Ind., have cornered the visible supply of broom corn, and that the common house broom will go skyward in price, very soon, perhaps even as high as \$1.00 each. The fellow who originated this item must have been indulging another kind of corn—corn juice—but, sometimes, out of foolishness emerges sound sense, and this broom corn may be one of the items which.

Broom corn is one of the items which, no doubt, might very profitably be added to what is termed diversified farming.

We are informed that it grows readily in almost any good soil, without much care, and with comparatively little work attached to harvesting. It always commands a good market price, but of course there is something in "knowing how" to grow first-class corn and to cure it properly in order to secure the top price.

For several years there has been an advancing market for broom corn; but, while it is grown pretty generally, in small quantities, for home use, the growing of market has been left to a comparatively few states, consequently it is likely true that the bulk supply can be "cornered," or nearly so.

We are of the opinion that this product is well worth the attention of Delaware farmers, and that land especially adapted to it could be made to produce big returns. Considering the thousands of brooms used each year, and the fact that there is not likely to be a cheaper substitute invented, it is a wonder that the Westerners have for so long been given almost full control of the industry.

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FAILURES ON PENINSULA

Although the annual report of business conditions on the Peninsula as made public by the Mercantile Agency, R. G. Dun and Company, proprietors, Friday, shows five more failures than were reported during the previous year, the proportionate losses in the three districts comprising the Peninsula were not as heavy as during the previous year. According to the report there were 50 failures during the year just ending, involving liabilities of \$311,911.05 and assets of \$213,656.32. During the previous year there were 54 failures involving liabilities of \$216,965.90 and assets of \$106,644.67.

In Delaware this year thirty failures were reported involving liabilities of \$190,020.32 and assets of \$136,649.15.

The district covered by the report is made by the agency comprises the three counties of Delaware, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Northampton and Accomack in Virginia, and includes about 8,000 business houses.

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CUPID DISRUPTS SUSSEX SCHOOLS

GEOEGEWSK, Del., Jan. 1st.—Cupid cut so many capers among the school teachers of Sussex county the past three months that several schools were unable to open yesterday on account of the teachers formerly in charge having been married, while at many of the schools, especially at Lewes, Georgetown, Frederica and Bedford, new teachers yesterday replaced those leaving after the school had begun.

Many of the school boards are wondering where it is going to stop and so general is the complaint that the County Commissioners are seriously considering a recommendation that hereafter applicants for positions in the country schools shall be compelled to sign agreements to serve a full year before they will be employed.

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NO RIGHT TO PAY ENVELOPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 1st.—"To require the husband," said the court, "to turn over to you every week his unopened pay envelope would amount to tyranny of the sort most dangerous to the perpetuation of the home as the sacred institution it is to day. A wife has no right to make such demands on her husband. The husband is the sole owner of the fund."

That was one judge's opinion, but other judges have held that:

A wife has a right to go through her husband's pockets.

A wife is entitled to 20 per cent. of her husband's salary.

A man's wife is not his servant.

A married woman may go out whenever she chooses.

Wedding gifts belong to the wife and not to the husband.

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Cut off Without Oil

Dover, Del., Jan. 6.—The town of Kenton is cut off from telephonic communication with the outside world, and is suffering from an oil famine, so that even the street lamps cannot be lighted at night. Roads to Dover and Smyrna and Millington are now being cut, but the low temperatures which is overwhelming the peninsula with Arctic winds is seriously delaying all outdoor work.

SPENDING MUCH FOR THE FARMER

NEW YORK, Jan. 4th.—How gratifying it must be to farmers through the country to know that the United States Government is spending in the neighborhood of \$18,000,000 every year on experimental work looking toward increasing the yield and efficiency of the farms of the United States.

This money is not expended in foolish experiment, but all investigations are made under the personal supervision of experienced departmental heads. Secretary Wilson is a practical man and requires results from all lines of investigation. Every avenue of trade is covered because the farmer is largely dependent upon them for success. His prosperity ultimately brings profitable results in all other lines of business.

Recently a railroad official said the United States Government could better afford to invest in the cost of one battleship in agricultural experimental work than to spend it in increasing the navy. A first-class battleship costs about \$90,000.

Secretary Wilson does not think that a statement ought to be issued telling about the great work which his department is doing. Copies of the report can be had by applying to the Department of Agriculture of Washington. This report tells of instances where a farmer was raising only 20 bushels of potatoes to an acre, and who disseminated, appealed to the Agricultural Department for assistance and advice. Both were given and now this farmer is raising 230 bushels of potatoes to an acre where he formerly could only grow 20. The department supplied him with seed and information how to best prepare the ground in which to plant the potatoe. This is only given as one of many illustrations to prove the efficient work being done.

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HELP OUR TOWN

Blackbird Hundred, Del., Jan. 1st.—The Presbytery Sunday School held their Christmas treat Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. Caldwell visited their mother at Liberty Grove last week.

Mrs. Mary C. Price is visiting her brother, Dr. Joshua Clayton, at Edkins Park.

Miss Sadie Vassant, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. J. D. McCoy last week.

Harry Griffith, of Morrisville, spent Friday with his mother, Mrs. Maria Griffith.

William Carter, colored, committed suicide Monday morning by hanging himself.

Miss Sadie Tatman and Agnes Comas, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Augustus Tatman several days last week.

Mrs. Dick Bright and Carie Acker, of Delaware City, are spending several days in town.

Miss Hattie Morgan will entertain the "Five Hundred Club" at her home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. Peanchamp will close the "Eureka Millinery" the middle of January to remain closed until March 1st.

The senior class will hold a box social at the High School Saturday evening. Proceeds to be used for a trip to Washington.

Mr. Edward Brown and Mrs. Mahel Blafield, of Town Point, were married at the M. E. Parsonage Monday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Gardner.

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STATE FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

The State of Delaware closed up its year in excellent financial condition, paid all the State officials and had a good general fund and school fund balance. The year was closed as predicted several weeks ago without the necessity of borrowing the \$50,000 emergency fund or any part of it to pay current expenses, for the State's regular revenues more than paid all current expenses. The State authorities withheld the financial statements of disclosure that it may be presented to the legislative auditing committee on Tuesday, January 15th, and will audit all the accounts.

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PENNSY WILL BURN SMOKE

The Pennsylvania railroad company expects to announce shortly that they have overcome the smoke nuisance so far as passenger engines are concerned. Two engines recently equipped with a device known as the Jones Automatic Stokers will be tried on all divisions on fast and slow trains, hauling from six to ten cars.

These stokers, it is said, save coal and are fitted with a device which controls the smoke. They work automatically and are attached to the engines in such a manner that will require very little effort on the part of the firemen to work them.

Engines equipped with these stokers have been running out of Altoona on the Pittsburgh division and the new invention has thus far proven successful.

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NIGHTMARE IN CHILDREN

A medical authority says the majority of cases of nightmare are the result of over eating, lack of elimination, or improper food.

Some cases may be due to stomach or respiratory (breathing) disturbances, adenoids, or nasal obstruction. Sometimes there is an underlying nervous arsenic constitution.

Ill-ventilated, dark rooms, late meals, exciting games, story-telling before bed-time, exhaustion with play, are often the causes in children.

Cases of nightmare have been known to be cured by sleeping with the head high, the jugular vein being compressed by the chin, causing congestion of the brain. It is rarely fatal, think our author, and the treatment is to remove the cause when found.

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HYMENEAL

BRADSTON-WILSON

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Mail Classes as Follows.
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 1:05 p. m.
6:00 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
Post Offices—7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m.,
4:45 p. m.
For Warwick, Geistown and Harville 9:30 a. m., and 4:45 p. m.

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Local News

If you want Pure Buckwheat Flour you can get it at Evans' Exchange. Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.

Watch our large advertisement next Saturday, announcing our Clearance Sale.

A. Fogel

FOR RENT.—Two houses and one stable on West Main street, opposite National Hotel. Possession given 25th March next. G. E. Hukill.

We have all sorts of Dairy Feeds on hand, and at low prices compared to the present markets. Let me have your orders.

Uncanceled Letters.—The following list of letters remain uncanceled in the post office for the week ending December 30th: Mrs. Sally Tome, Miss Charlotte Will.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

FOR RENT.—Store and dwelling at Mt. Pleasant. Possession given at once. Apply to T. E. Clayton, Mt. Pleasant, Del.

Miss Maude Deakyne has been appointed organist of Betheda M. E. Church. She has been organist of the M. E. Church in New Castle for the past year.

FOR SALE.—A Franklin open grate fire place furnace with extra set of bricks; in perfect order. Will be sold cheaply. W. S. Letherbury or R. L. Price

The program for the next meeting of the New Century Club includes readings from three popular writers, by Miss Blanche L. Ellison, Miss Eleanor E. McCoy and Miss Clara E. Paxton.

WANTED.—500 Common or Homer Pigeons. Pay at least 25¢, pair, get my price for guinea fowls and live rabbits. Prompt return. No commission deducted. L. B. Gilbreath, 1128 Palmer street, Philadelphia.

Walter Beatenst was one of the lucky exhibitors at the Wilmington Poultry Show held in this week. Mr. Beatenst succeeded in capturing three first prizes and two seconds on his exhibit of Buff Orpingtons, which were greatly admired by the large crowds in attendance at the show.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD

After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3:30 to 6; Fridays, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30, for school children exclusively.

Constantly on hand, all sizes of the Best Veneer and best prepared Hard Coal for Heaters, Range and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also Cord Wood saved to stove length, \$2.00 for cartload. If you have not been using our coal, try us and be happy. G. E. Hukill.

At the annual meeting of the Canwell Mutual Insurance Company of Odessa held on Monday the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: President, Daniel W. Corbit; Directors, Daniel W. Corbit, Alex. P. Corbit, F. B. Watkins, James T. Shallcross, M. N. Wilkins, Colen Ferguson and Clarence E. Pool.

At the regular meeting of Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A. Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Pres. Levi Atwell; Vice Pres. James Donahue; M. of A., Arthur Seain; Conductor, J. R. Brown; Guard, William Cochran; Sentinel, J. L. Byrnes; Sec., H. H. Hillyard; Treasurer, Tolbert, Williams; Past Pres., Geo. Dickinson.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, held at the banking house yesterday, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: D. W. Corbit, James T. Shallcross, M. N. Wilkins, Alex. P. Corbit, Daniel Corbit, Clarence E. Pool, L. V. Asplin, Jr., F. E. Watkins and Colen Ferguson. The same officers were all re-elected.

The 125th anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal Church was appropriately observed in Betheda M. E. Church Sunday evening last, when addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. V. S. Collins and Mr. Alfred G. Cox. The speakers gave much interesting history of the church and the audience was well pleased with the evening's program.

All subscribers to this paper are requested to look at the address slip on their papers. If your paper is dated January, 09, it means that your subscription is paid up to January, 1909, the two figures of the year being omitted so that we can get the entire address and date in one line. If your paper is dated August, 10, it means that your paper is paid for to August, 1910. Dollar bills may be sent in ordinary mail with little or no danger of loss. Please do not neglect sending to your subscription account.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M., selected the following officers on Monday evening: C. Harry Manlove, N. C. Robert B. Jones; R. S. W. Pearce Jr.; A. R. S. J. Ringgold Richards; F. S. D. W. Stevens; Conductor, Woodell Cochran; Warden Oscar Minner; I. S. B. P. Banning; Rep. to State Council, E. I. Brockson; Rep. to D. B. A. W. P. Pease; Jr. Deputy State Councilor W. P. Pease, Jr., will install the newly elected officers next Monday night.

OBITUARY

EDWARD REYNOLDS

The death of Edward Reynolds which occurred at his home on North Broad street at seven o'clock Saturday morning, removes from our midst one of our oldest and most honored citizens. Mr. Reynolds who was born near Newark on August 10th, 1840 had been a long resident of this country, and was one of the best known men in the state, and his death means not only a great loss to the community where he lived, but to the entire state.

In 1864, after spending a year in traveling in the northwestern states, Canada, Europe, and the West Indies, he became a partner with his father and brother in the general mercantile business, in Middletown, the firm assuming the name of John A. Reynolds & Sons. His father retired in 1865, and in January, 1872, he also retired, leaving the business in the hands of his brother, S. M. Reynolds. In July of the same year, Mr. Reynolds purchased THE TRANSCRIPT, assumed the duties of editor, and made it one of the best weekly journals of the Peninsula, proving an able and successful journalist. He was, however, induced to join his brother again in the mercantile business in Middletown, and retired from the management of THE TRANSCRIPT, in November, 1877. Under the firm name of S. M. Reynolds & Company, they carried on a prosperous business, and in November, 1878, purchased the stock and business of Thomas O. Culbert, of Dover, of which Mr. Edward Reynolds took charge, under the title of E. Reynolds & Co., moving to that town, Mr. S. M. Reynolds continuing the care of the store at Middletown. The business of the firm in both towns prospered, the enterprise and popularity of both brothers insuring continued success. Mr. Reynolds identified himself with the Democratic party. In the spring of 1868 he became a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was for three years a trustee of the Forest Presbyterian Church, in which, the spring of 1878, he was ordained an elder.

For many years and at the time of his death he was town treasurer of Middletown and was connected with many of the public institutions and was a trustee of Delaware College. For several years he had been in the insurance business, having an office here in the post-office building.

Mr. Rosier McCrone, who has been attending Cornell University, will leave on the tenth of this month for the Philippine Islands, where he will spend some time.

Misses Norman Gill and John Voshell left last Friday for Philadelphia, where they will learn the repairing and driving of automobiles with the Girard Automobile Co., South Penn Square.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1910.—Public sale of the personal property of James C. Powell, deceased, at his late residence near Thomas' Corner, Blackbird Hundred, by Edward Hart Administrator. J. E. Seaman, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1910.—Public sale of farm stock—horses and cattle—by Dan M. Cochran, Jr., at his residence on the "Burnham Farm," near Middletown.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Leo Sparks, near Matthews' Corner.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Alfred J. Davidson, near St. George. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Scott and Maloney, on the "Ellis Farm," near Townsend. W. H. Reyndolds, Anna Elliott, Harry Parry. First Grade—Isabelle Parry.

YOUNG GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

Mary Houston, the 9-year-old daughter of Charles Houston of Millboro, while attempting to do the family ironing caught fire and was burned to death.

The accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon, December 29th, while the mother and father were away from home and the girl was alone in the house with her 3-year-old sister. With her clothing in a blaze, the girl's first thought was to make a hasty retreat, though the child grabbed a cup of water and tried to throw it on the girl, the elder one rushed from the room, fearing her sister might also catch fire. As soon as she left the house the wind fanned the flames and when neighbors arrived, called by the 3-year-old child, Mary was dead.

THIEVES RAID AT TOWNSEND

Thieves made a raid at Townsend Sunday night and when it was learned that several places had been entered there was considerable excitement. The thieves effected entrances into the business places by boring holes around the locks and reaching the latter in that manner. The first robbery was discovered at the hardware store of W. H. Reynolds and it was found that two shotguns had been stolen. It is believed that other articles were taken. The robbers next visited the store of W. T. De Valinger but were evidently frightened away before they could gain an entrance. Holes were also bored in the door there. The next place entered was the restaurant of Henry Gill, near the railroad station, where the thieves carried off a part of the contents of the place.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETON GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1 \$1.17 | Corn—No. 2 | Yeelow, shelled 63

Timothy Seed \$2.59 | cob 65

Clover Seed .11 | Oats 66

MIDDLETON PRODUCE MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per dozen 38¢/40

Country Butter, per lb. 33¢/38

Creamery Butter, per lb. 45

lard, per lb. 14¢/17

Live Chickens, per lb. 14¢/16

Potatoes 35¢/45

PERSONALITIES

Mr. John Crookland was in Dover on Friday.

Mr. Samuel Brockson spent Wednesday with relatives in Townsend.

Miss Mildred Allen, of Philadelphia, visited friends in town last week.

Misses Marion and Eliza Cochran, of Elwyn, Pa., were in town this week.

Mr. Mary Metz, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Price, this week.

Miss Lillian Solway, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with Miss Elizabeth Holton.

Miss Ruth Stewart, of New Castle, spent several days last week with Miss Eliza Dekeyne.

Miss Sadie Flinn, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Gills on Green street.

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Sherman, Reporter

BY W. R. ROSE

The man at the desk looked up at the newcomer. He saw a slender fellow almost gaunt in face and figure, a pale young man whose hand on the back of the chair trembled as he steadied himself.

Do you want to see me?

Are you Mr. Briggs?

Yes.

I want a job.

Gordon Briggs shook his head. Sit down, he said. What's wrong with you?

He had a quick, sharp way about him, but his voice was not unkind.

The stranger slid into the chair with a little nod.

Drink, he answered. Plenty of it—three weeks of it—just sobering up. Getting shabby, getting hungry. Must have money.

He had a queer way of expressing himself as if he meant that every word must count.

Are you a newspaper man? I've done newspaper work.

Where?

"Oneida Standard" and other papers.

Gordon Briggs hesitated a moment.

Ready to do anything, I suppose?

Anything—except drink. I've got enough of that.

Good. If you worked on the "Oneida Standard" you know what the "Clifton Gazette" is. I'll try you for a week. Here's \$5 on account.

The stranger grasped the bill.

Fine, he muttered. Bite, wash, shave, shirt, shine. Back in an hour.

He arose a little unsteady and made his exit, and Gordon Briggs heard his uncertain feet stumbling down the stairs. He shook his head and turned back to his renovator.

The stranger kept his word, and came back much improved in appearance. He had straightened up, his eyes were bright, and the clean linen gave him a renovated look.

Ready for duty, he announced.

His voice was a little hoarse, and his hands still trembled.

Your experience on the "Oneida Standard," said Gordon, taught you what an afternoon country daily is like. Copy must be in by 2 o'clock. You report to me. In Clifton as in Oneida we have to hunt for local news—and the hunting is unusually poor. I'll start you on an assignment. A packet boat is to be launched from the inlet boatyard. We're going to run cuts of the boat and the captain. Make a column of it. Our marine interests are dear to us.

The stranger solemnly nodded.

My name is Sherman, he said, and if you don't mind I want to thank you for your confidence and your favor. That's all.

He turned abruptly and walked toward the door, and Gordon Briggs watching him curiously, noted that he limped a little. In the doorway he turned.

You're too good a man to be wasted here, he said in his jerky way, and limped down the stairs.

Gordon Briggs chuckled as he turned back to his work.

I wonder how he found out I was wasted here? he murmured. Probably he will want another five when he comes back. Poor chap. There's something very likeable about him. Poor thirsty humanity.

The busy hours wore along. Gordon Briggs, managing editor, editorial writer, city editor, responsible head, went through the daily grind and wrote and cut and trimmed and blue-penciled in the usual hurried fashion, and 1:30 came without bringing back the new reporter.

But at 1:45 he appeared in the doorway.

Hello, said Gordon as he glanced away from his work. Stuff ready?

Here it is, said the new man. Stopped in the post office and ground it out. It was warmer there.

Wait until I look it over, said Gordon, flattening out the sheets.

The new man slipped into a chair and waited.

Gordon presently looked up. Got your newspaper experience in Oneida, did you? he sarcastically asked.

In Oneida and other places, the new man answered. Then he said. You certainly must appreciate how Garvin feels. He is a fine fellow. You wouldn't hurt his feelings. His little home is everything to him.

Gordon did not smile.

I think your talk is a bluff, he said. You certainly must appreciate how Garvin feels. He is a fine fellow. You wouldn't hurt his feelings. His little home is everything to him.

I never had a home, said the new man. I've always been running away somewhere. I ran away when I came here. Ran

away from the drink. If it wasn't for you I'd be drunk now. But you trusted me.

Gordon studied the new man's face.

See here, Sherman, he said. I'm going to take you to my boarding place. I'm a homeless man, too. I'm going to look after you personally. I think you need it.

A smile broke across the new man's face.

Fine, he cried. You'll fetch me around all right—and you'll find I'm not such a bad fellow as myself. And now give me something to do—and lots of it.

So the acquaintance of this oddly assorted pair began. It was a close acquaintance almost immediately. Gordon's influence over the wayward Sherman was strong and always helpful.

As the effects of his dissipation wore away the new man became more and more valuable to the Gazette and to its editor.

I can't say this to you as managing editor, Gordon remarked one day, but as a plain individual I'll admit I dread to think of the day when you leave Clifton—for you can't remain contented here, and it isn't right you should.

When I leave Clifton, said Sherman firmly, I am going to take you with me.

Where? laughed Gordon. To the ends of the world very likely.

I'll go, said Gordon.

And he wondered why Sherman still talked in this enigmatic way, and why he never said anything about himself.

It was only a short time after that the long rainy season set in, the long rain that was to bring death and disaster and great suffering to the peaceful valley.

Gordon, said the other man one morning, I want you to put me on the Cordova situation. I was over there early this morning.

Tom Mason drove me across the ridge. That reservoir looks bad to me. I know something about engineering. I've seen some big things constructed. That embankment isn't safe. I talked with some of the people over there about it. They're a stubborn lot and called me a meddler. But if this rain continues twenty-four hours longer there will be trouble.

Gordon was startled.

The state engineers call the embankment impregnable, he said. But that's your assignment, and say, I'll go over there with you to-morrow morning.

They were on their way when the great disaster occurred. They heard the dull boom as the embankment broke; they heard the wild roar of the escaping waters.

The two men sprang from the light wagon in which they had crossed the ridge.

Go back, cried Sherman to the boy who had driven them. Hurry. Tell them the reservoir has gone and help is needed. Have the town hall bell rung. Hurry.

And then he and Gordon ran forward.

The wild torrent had brought woeful destruction. It had swept away half the village. Scores were drowned. Hundreds were imprisoned. The bridges were gone, the telegraph wires were down. Cordova and Clifton and Hinckley were cut off from the outside world by the wild flood.

And then the man who called himself Sherman came into his own.

His first steps took him to the telegraph office which stood a little to one side of the pathway of the torrent and on higher ground. The floor was submerged, but the instruments were intact. There were two in the village and both had been on continuous duty. They had run from the threatened building and had been caught in the flood.

The wires were in a tangle about the nearest overturned pole.

Sherman flung off his coat and went at this tangle in a tigerish frenzy.

What can I do? cried Gordon. Pick up all the news you can, Sherman yelled back at him. Return as soon as you have anything to report.

When Gordon came back Sherman was sounding the instrument. He looked up quickly.

Great luck, he gasped. Traced out a wire—had to swim for it—to get into the house. It's feeble, but alive. And now, please God, I'm going to call the world.

Gordon, coatless and hatless, panting from his long run, stared at Sherman in amazement.

He was bleeding from a cut on his forehead, he was water-soaked and dripping, his face was pale and his breath came quick, but the hand on the sounder was firm and steady, but the eyes that

looked up at Gordon were feverishly brilliant.

And as the editor stared the other man gave a roar of relief.

I've picked up Springfield, he cried. Yes, yes, it's Cordova. Good boy, gone, gone. Now, Cordova, tell me your story. Make it simple—I'll do the padding. Go ahead.

For nearly forty-eight hours Sherman sat in the little office and told the world the story of Cordova's frightful distress. There was but a single wire and at any moment it might cease working. But it didn't and those wonderful messages passed through it in a continuous stream.

And Gordon did his part too. He was the news gatherer, the advisor, the forager. He found food for Sherman. He organized the stricken survivors into a relief committee.

It's great team work, old boy, cried Sherman with his quick smile.

And then on the third day help and supplies began to arrive. They came at first by wagon over the ridge. Then a great gang of men threw a temporary bridge across the river and relaid the tracks, and a train laden with food and clothing and doctors and nurses reached the outskirts of the town.

And three telegraph operators darkened the door of the little office, and stared at the two human wrecks.

Who sent those messages? the foremost man asked.

Gordon pointed at Sherman. The operator put out his hand.

Nothing finer was ever carried by wire, he said.

Sherman arose with a little nod.

This happened to be a partnership affair, he explained, and then collapsed into Gordon's arms.

But they had him up again in a moment or two, and presently he and Gordon were comfortably crossing the ridge on their way back to Clifton and clean clothes and bed.

Three days later the two were in Gordon's office when a stout stranger entered.

I knew it, he said as he looked at Sherman.

Hello, Temple, said the latter. Come in. How are you? Let me make you two managing editors acquainted. Mr. Gordon Briggs of the "Clifton Gazette," Mr. Henry Temple of the New York Daily Chronicle. Sit down, Temple.

The stout man stared hard at Sherman.

Awfully glad to find you, he said. Been doing heroic things again, eh? You're making it a chronic complaint, my boy. And the funny thing is just as soon as I began to catch the style of those wonderful calls for help, I was positive that Sherman Ames was at the other end of the wire.

Sherman Ames! Gordon repeated.

That's his name. Been masquerading, has he? Well, he's Sherman Ames, most famous of journalistic globe trotters. And that leads up to business. I want you to go to Persia for us, Ames. It looks like a scrap over there. Name your own price and start next week.

The "Gazette's" reporter looked around at his managing editor.

Then he looked back at the New Yorker.

I'll go on one condition, Temple.

Good. Name it.

Ames gently touched Gordon's shoulder.

My teammate goes with me, he said.

All right, laughed the stout man.

WHY WE LAUGH

Laughter seems to be a specialized form of either the scream of a startled or injured animal or the cry of triumph common to many beasts of prey. In children the cry of terror and the shout of laughter often sludge into each other, and the young child escaping from pursuit will scream with laughter of fear, according to his chances of escape. Some unexpected event that causes slight alarm shows of actual terror is the commonest cause of children's laughter, but in adults some sudden event that gives a sensation of triumph over others has much more influence. Really clever jokers seldom cause laughter, and it has been pointed out that a man chasing his hat will produce laughter far more heartily in character than the best efforts of the cleverest wit. The sight of ill fortune in another causes a contrast a feeling of triumph in ourselves. The ticklish parts of the body are the most part the sites of important blood vessels, and the laughter produced in children by tickling is even more closely allied to the cry of pain.

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